labourers from Employees States Insurance Services; and

(c) if so, the details with reference to Chhattisgarh?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI OSCAR FERNANDES): (a) The Government of Chhattisgarh submitted a proposal for constitution of Regional Board. However, certain clarifications have been sought from the Government of Chhattisgarh by the ESI Corporation.

(b) and (c) Yes, Sir. The Medical facilities are being provided to ESI beneficiaries through a network of 11 dispensaries in the State of Chhattisgarh. The details of the dispensaries in the State as under:

(i)	Raipur	—	4
(ii)	Rajnandgaon	—	1
(iii)	Durg	—	3
(iv)	Bilaspur	—	1
(v)	Janjgir—Champa	—	1
(vi)	Raigarh	—	1

The ESI Corporation has also sanctioned a diagnostic centre at Raipur at cost of Rs. 74.5 lakhs.

Unemployment in the country

†2372. DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI:
SHRI RAVI SHANKAR PRASAD:

Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that only 42 per cent of the population in the country is getting employment, despite the annual growth rate of 8 per cent in the country;

(b) if not, the facts in this regard; and

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(c) the average annual growth rate of employment in the country during the years 2000 to 2005?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI OSCAR FERNANDES): (a) and (b) 42% of the population are usually employed.

(c) Reliable estimates of employment and unemployment are obtained through quinquennial National Sample Surveys carried out by the National Sample Survey Organisation (NSSO). Last such survey for which results have been published relates to the year 2004-05. As per these surveys, average growth rate of employment was of the order of 2.95% during 2000-2005 as per usual status approach.

Poor facilities to migrant labourers in mega cities

†2373. SHRI PYARELAL KHANDELWAL: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of migrant labourers working in various big projects in cities, especially in Metropolitan cities;

(b) whether it is a fact that even basic facilities are not provided to the above migrant labourers, working in the Metropolitan cities;

(c) if so, Government's plan with regard to the above; and

(d) if not, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI OSCAR FERNANDES): (a) Number of migrant labourers working in various big projects in cities especially in Metropolitan cities are not maintained at Central level. However, as per Census 2001, 314.54 million persons moved for various reasons within the country. Out of these, 29.90 million persons migrated from their native place in the country for reasons of employment.

(b) No, Sir.

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